



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2003 Assembly Bill 514

Assembly Amendment 1

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ASSEMBLY BILL 514

Assembly Bill 514 recodifies portions of ch. 30, Stats., relating to structures, deposits, and activities in navigable waters and boating. Assembly Bill 514 was recommended by the Legislative Council's Special Committee on Navigable Waters recodification, and was introduced by the Joint Legislative Council.

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 1

Assembly Amendment 1 makes several changes to the bill to correct errors or modify the bill to achieve the Special Committee's intent. The provisions to the amendment include the following:

- Changing what should be a requirement for the operation of a personal watercraft to state it as a requirement, rather than incorrectly stating it as an exception to the requirements on operation of personal watercraft.
- Correcting an erroneous cross-reference.
- Restoring current statutory language that makes the required size of a diver's flag a minimum dimension.
- Clarifying language of the bill regarding assistance to local governmental units provided by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) so that DNR is clearly required to assist in the adoption of local boating ordinances, rather than to assist with enforcement of local ordinances on the water.

- Correct an erroneous cross-reference and description of requirements for local boating ordinances that must be consistent with state statutes and rules. The bill incorrectly states that these must be in strict conformity with state statutes and rules.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

The Assembly Committee on Natural Resources introduced Assembly Amendment 1 and recommended adoption on a vote of Ayes, 10; Noes, 0, and recommended passage of the bill on a vote of Ayes, 10; Noes, 0, on October 29, 2003.

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